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SUBJ: UNCTAD: SEPTEMBER 17 GROUP B MEETING -- DISCUSSION OF PARIS
MEETING ON CODE OF CONDUCT

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1. AT SEPTEMBER 17 GROUP B MEETING TO PREPARE FOR TDB WE
RAISED U.S. PROPOSED SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION AT SEPTEMBER 23-24
OECD MEETING ON CODE OF CONDUCT ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY
AND NOTED OUR TENTATIVE POSITION ON EACH TOPIC. IN
REGARD TO QUESTION C, JAPAN (TANIGUCHI) SAID NOT ADVISABLE
AT THIS STAGE TO REVISE TEXT. G-77 NOT LIKELY TO REVISE THEIR
TEXT EXCEPT TO STRENGTHEN DEFINITION SECTION AND TO REDUCE 40
ELEMENTS IN RPB SECTION DOWN TO ABOUT 28. ON QUESTION D HE
SAID G-77 WILL PROBABLY WANT THREE OR FOUR DRAFTING GROUPS TO
SPEED UP THE DRAFTING EVEN THOUGH THIS WILL BE A BURDEN ON
THEIR SMALL DELEGATIONS. UNCTAD SECRETARIAT ALSO CONSIDERING
HAVING THREE GROUPS. FRANCE SAID IT NOT DESIRABLE TO KEEP
REPEATING THAT CODE SHOULD BE VOLUNTARY. HENCEFORTH WE
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SHOULD WORK WITHOUT PRESSING FOR VOLUNTARY NATURE OF

CODE, OTHERWISE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE BLOCKED.

2. FRANCE ALSO NOTED THAT THERE COULD BE VOLUNTARY AND BINDING PROVISIONS IN THE CODE AND WE SHOULD NOT AVOID DISCUSSING PROVISIONS THAT MIGHT BE BINDING. SWEDEN OBSERVED THAT G-77 MODELED THEIR CODE ON THE PARIS CONVENTION WHICH CONTAINS A MIXTURE OF BINDING AND NONBINDING PROVISIONS AND GROUP B MEMBERSHIP SHOULD PREPARE A POSITION ON THIS ALTERNATIVE. SWISS SAID THEY CONTINUE TO FAVOR NONBINDING CODE.

3. CANADA SAID THEIR DELEGATION AT THE PARIS MEETING WILL PROPOSE THAT DRAFTS BE REFERRED TO THE OECD BIAC FOR COMMENT.

4. TANIGUCHI GAVE THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF CODE OF CONDUCT MEETINGS: NOVEMBER 8-19; IN 1977 MARCH 28-APRIL 5, JULY 25-29, OCTOBER 17-28 AND FINAL CONFERENCE MARCH/APRIL, 1978.CATTO

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